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Comments:

In response to your telephone inquiry on 8 February 2005, the following amendment would put claims 6, 12 and 26-29 into condition for allowance:

Each claim 6 and 12 needs to be written in independent form, and, at line 4 of each claim, replace "generating a matrix" with -- generating with a computer a matrix --.

At line 1 of each claim 26 and 27, replace "calculating a demand curve" with -- extrapolating a demand curve data point --.

Re-number the last claim from "28" to -- 29 --. (There are two claims numbered "28".)

Cancel the remaining claims 1-5, 7-11 and 13-25.

At specification p. 4 line 22, replace "curve is calculated in accordance" with -- curve is calculated and extrapolated in accordance --.

I would be pleased to implement these changes by examiner's amendment, provided that you fax the amendment to me, at 571-273-6717, no later than your close of business next Wednesday, 16 February 2005. Please mark the transmission PROPOSED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT.

Allowance would also be subject to the Office's usual review of Business Method allowances by a "second pair of eyes".

Feel free to telephone me if I can be of further help. I will be in my office tomorrow afternoon and Saturday, but not Monday.

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